GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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MEETING BETWEEN BSF AND PAKISTANI RANGERS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a bi-annual meeting between BSF and Pakistani Rangers was held at Jodhpur recently;

(b) if so, the issues discussed and the outcome thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SMT. RADHIKA V. SELVI)

(a) to (c): No such Bi-Annual meeting between BSF and Pakistan Rangers was held at Jodhpur recently.However,such a Bi-annual meeting was recently held between BSF and Pakistan Rangers in Chandigarh from 26th to 29th March, 2008.

During the meeting, the issues discussed, broadly, where repatriation of inadvertent crossers, release of persons, construction of OP Towers, Posts, bunker and bund along international border, smuggling of narcotics, fake Indian currency notes (FICN), arms and ammunition. Appropriate follow up action is taken in this regard. Further, the decisions taken in the meeting have also been brought to the notice of the concerned agencies/units for taking suitable follow up action, in consultation with the respective diplomatic channel, wherever required.